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In reply to the July 23, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the Abstract attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 4 and 6-9 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A filter cloth composed of a plurality of yarns in the transverse and the longitudinal directions, the filter cloth comprising a filtering portion having a structure and density according to desired filtering characteristics for separating liquid from a mixture consisting of solids and liquid, and which filter cloth is further to be arranged against a filtering element in a filtering apparatus, and an underside of the filter cloth, i.e., a portion facing the filtering element, comprises substantially parallel yarns that are thicker than the rest of the yarns of the cloth, and that the thicker yarns form parallel channels therebetween